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SUBJECT: TUNGSTEN AND THE APRIL 4 MEETING OF THE TRADE
AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TDB)

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED US POSITION CONTAINED REFTEL WITH DR. KIPPER AND DR. KNOTE OF ECONOMICS MINISTRY. FRG POSITION VERY MUCH PARALLELS THAT OF US BUT WITH IMPORTANT VARIANCE IN EMPHASIS.

2. IN OUTLINE, FRG VIEW IS AS FOLLOWS:

-- UTMOST EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION AND A VOTE ON CONVENING OF A NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE.

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-- EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE FOR GROUP OF "LIKE-MINDED" (E.G. US, FRG, JAPAN, SWEDEN, UK) TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE.

-- IF QUESTION OF A NEGOTIATION COMES TO A VOTE, FRG WILL WITH US VOTE AGAINST.

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-- IT MUST BE MADE CLEAR TO PRODUCERS IN ADVANCE THAT IF THEY FORCE A VOTE, A "NO" VOTE WILL EFFECTIVELY MEAN THE END OF DISCUSSIONS ON TUNGSTEN IN UNCTAD AND THE FINISH OF THE UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON TUNGSTEN.

-- FRG FAVORS RECOMMITMENT OF DISCUSSION ON TUNGSTEN TO EXPERTS GROUP.

-- CANADIAN PROPOSAL IN PRESENT FORM IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, SINCE IT WOULD APPEAR TO LEAD TO A CONFERENCE AND ULTIMATE INTERFERENCE WITH MARKETS.

3. ECONOMICS MINISTRY HAS BEEN TOLD BY UK THAT BRITISH POSITION IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF FRG, BUT LINGERING DOUBT ABOUT UK STEADFASTNESS ALWAYS REMAINS. MINISTRY HAS ALSO ADVISED JAPANESE EMBASSY IN BONN OF FRG POSITION.

4. KNOTE SUGGESTED THAT GORDON STREEB CALL A MEETING OF THE "LIKE-MINDED" EITHER ON MONDAY OR EARLY TUESDAY TO MAP STRATEGY AND TO COMMUNICATE TO THE SECRETARIAT AND TO THE PRODUCERS, THE "LIKE-MINDED" COUNTRIES' DETERMINATION TO VOTE NO IN A SHOWDOWN.

5. DR. HANS BIRKE WILL TRAVEL FROM BONN TO ATTEND
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MEETING OF THE TDB.
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